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SUBJECT: COTE D'IVOIRE: SUSPECTED CASES OF AVIAN FLU

11. Several birds found dead in Abidjan have been tested at the state-owned Institute Pasteur in Abidjan for H5N1 Avian Flu. However, officials have not yet confirmed the presence of the virus in Cote d'Ivoire. Additional samples were sent for testing to a lab in Italy on April 24. The cases were reported in 7 chickens, 9 ducks and a sparrow hawk. An AFP press report released April 25 announcing the presence of Avian Flu in Abidjan was recalled the same day and the Minister of Animal Production and Fish Resources denies that the presence of the virus has been confirmed. Post will continue to monitor the developing situation.
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